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NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

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PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated February 23, 2004 (copy attached). On March 11, 2004, a telephone call was made to the Customer Service Center. During that conversation, Applicants pointed out that they believed this Notice had been issued in error. The above-referenced application is a Divisional Application of Application No. 09/937,224, now allowed and is not a biotech application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Notice be withdrawn. In addition, the Official Filing Receipt (copy attached) indicates that the Projected Publication Date will be determined pending completion of Sequence Disclosures. Applicants respectfully request that a Corrected Official Filing Receipt be issued.

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Response to Notice to Comply

Consideration of the attached is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John T. Callahan", is written over a horizontal line.

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